

REMARKS

In the May 23, 2005, Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, 14-16 and 18-22 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,741,786 (Torrey). The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-7, 9-16 and 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Torrey.

Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 7 to more positively recite that each adhesive segment is located in a different transverse position from the transverse position of each immediately adjacent adhesive segment. Applicant asserts that none of the figure presented in Torrey contain a row of adhesive segments in which each adhesive segment has a transverse position between the first and second edges of the carrier tape that is distinct from the transverse position of each immediately and longitudinally adjacent adhesive segment. (Note that Fig. 4 of Torrey shows adhesive segments each having the same transverse position – in order to provide the border 22). Claim 16 has been amended to recite that each longitudinal segment contain two or more segments in each longitudinal segment and that each segment contains the same number of adhesive segments disposed thereon.

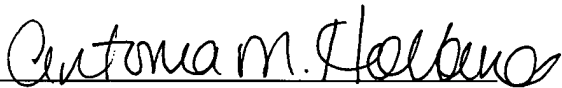
In light of the amendments presented herein, Claims 1, 3-7, 9-16 and 18-22 are believed to be allowable for the reasons given herein. Accordingly, these

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claims remain pending following entry of this Amendment, and are believed to be in condition for allowance at this time. As such, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of the application, with an early and favorable decision being solicited. Should the Examiner believe that the prosecution of the application could be expedited, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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